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Cultural District designation to be highlighted during June's First Friday

Grow Wabash County and Downtown Wabash will join the Wabash Cultural District Committee in celebrating its newly-established Cultural District with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 3 on Miami Street as part of the First Friday theme: Downtown Wabash pARTy. The Wabash Cultural District spans the Wabash River to Hill Street and Honeywell Center to Paradise Spring. For more information, visit downtownwabash.org or <https://www.in.gov/artsprograms-and-services/training/creative-community-pathway/>.

'Fishing for Trash' Contest ongoing at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes

"Fishing for Trash" Contest will last through Saturday, June 4. The public

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Cicadas, pesticides mentioned in 2021 songbird deaths

'I didn't know people loved birds that much,' state ornithologist says

By **SETH SLABAUGH**

MUNCIE — Scientists investigating last year's widespread songbird illnesses and deaths have eliminated some causes of the outbreak, including:

Avian influenza, West Nile

Virus, mosquito-borne encephalitis, salmonella and chlamydia (bacterial pathogens), Newcastle disease virus, herpesviruses, poxviruses and trich parasites.

A list of suspected origins still holding the attention of state ornithologist Allisyn-Marie Gillet includes the birds having overindulged on cicadas, which possibly had bioaccumulated pesticides.

"The cicada hypothesis,

personally I thought that seemed like a really plausible, credible cause," Gillet told members of the Robert Cooper Audubon Society recently.

"The cicada theory was really compelling because the timing was perfect. The emergence of cicadas ended up coinciding really well with the emergence of this disease," she said, referring to the billions of periodical cicadas that emerged from

the ground over large swaths of the eastern United States last year.

The timing wasn't the only connection. So was the distribution. The outbreak that caused eye discharge, crustiness and swelling, as well as tremors, disorientation and uncontrollable limbs in the birds, occurred in Eastern and Midwestern states, where the cicadas also were found.

One argument was that

eating a poor diet, or a mono-diet, of mostly cicadas, due to their abundance, led to a vitamin A deficiency in the birds.

Gillet cited scurvy, a condition in people caused by not having enough vitamin C in their diets, as an example of how the lack of a vitamin can cause disease.

What sickened the birds, including many fledgling

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Over the day, an "esteemed panel" of business professionals, entrepreneurs and mentors heard a complete slate of business pitches ranging from products to improve day-to-day life to socially-minded programs that supported underprivileged populations.

INnovate Wabash County celebrates student entrepreneurship

STAFF REPORT

The Eagles Theatre was "a hotbed of innovation and collaboration" on Wednesday, May 4, as student entrepreneurs from all over Wabash County took the stage to pitch their business ideas for the 2022 INnovate Wabash County student pitch competition, sponsored by Grow Wabash County as part of the Wabash County High School Entrepreneurship Collaborative, according to Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Boulrisse said over the day, an "esteemed panel" of busi-

ness professionals, entrepreneurs and mentors heard a complete slate of business pitches ranging from products to improve day-to-day life to socially-minded programs that supported underprivileged populations.

"Every year the quality of presentations we see from our local students gets better and better," said Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater. "This year's slate of competitors really raised the bar. Not only did these students prove that they had an incredible knowledge of their products and businesses, but they proved that they had the passion and

drive to make these ideas a reality. It was truly an incredible experience to be able to see the next generation of business owners step up."

The students went so far above and beyond, that amid deliberations, the decision was collectively made by the panel of judges to add a fifth-place winner.

The winning teams were: Fifth place: Just Breathe; an apparatus for runners and athletes to use to carry their inhalers invented by Manchester High School student Paulette Martin.

Fourth place: Freyja, a feminine product subscription program that helps to combat

and promote awareness of period poverty run by Wabash High School student Wyatt Buzzard, Cassie Murphy and Jordan Dragoo.

Third place: RapidRoots, a compost subscription and delivery service owned and operated by Wabash High School students Eli Edmond and Collyn Sellers.

Second place: Eliza Grace, an art and home décor company owned by Heartland Career Center student Annie Schuler.

First place: Tackett Auto Detailing, auto detailing and service business run by

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Genome science program at MU's Fort Wayne campus grows tenfold in five years

It was first university in nation to offer dedicated master's degree in pharmacogenomics

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Pharmacogenomics (PGx) at Manchester University is the most popular master's degree program in the nation for genome sciences, according to College Fac-

tual.

The program has grown from eight students in the summer of 2016 to 81 students in fall 2021.

Offering both on-campus and online programs based in Fort Wayne, Manches-

ter's MS in PGx gives students the opportunity to join one of the newest and most exciting fields of science: precision medicine, also known as personalized medicine.

Pharmacogenomics, the study of the relationship between an individual's genetics and their response to a medication allows physi-

cians and other clinicians to prescribe drugs to maximize therapy early on and avoid or decrease the risk of adverse effects.

The program is nationally recognized for innovative teaching. This past spring, it received the 2021 Innovation in PGx Teaching Award

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Manchester's Andrew Rich receives Distinguished Teaching Award

Mathematics professor to retire, granted emeritus status

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The Mathematical Association of America Indiana Section has recognized Manchester University Professor Andrew Rich with its 2022 Distinguished Teaching Award.

The award recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of section members who are extraordinary teachers in the mathematical sciences and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their institutions.

This award was granted in Rich's final semester of teaching after 30 years on the North Manchester campus.

He came to work at Manchester in 1992 after earning his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Chicago and teaching at Kansas State University. Rich was eager to work at a smaller college, as it reminded him of Bethel College in Kansas, where he had received his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

"I grew up as a campus kid because my dad taught at Bethel," Rich said. "I always thought that if I would be a teacher, I would want to teach at a place like that. ... and I thought Manchester would be a good fit for me; a smaller college, which was where I wanted to be rather than teaching at a big state university."

Rich has certainly thrived at Manchester. He has taught nearly every mathematics course it has to offer, from linear algebra and geometry to discrete math and calculus. He was involved in the planning and design of the Science Center and was among the first to move into the building when it was completed in



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Officials: Apartment building fire leaves woman dead, 7 hurt

By WLS-TV

CALUMET CITY, Ill. — A fire in a Chicago-area apartment building has left one woman dead and seven people hurt – including three firefighters. Flames extended to the

seventh floor and roof of the building Monday night in Calumet City, according to fire officials.

Officials have not released the name of the woman who died, but said four residents of the building and the three firefighters were taken to

area hospitals with injuries that were not considered life-threatening. WLS-TV reported Tuesday.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

Calumet City is southeast of Chicago at the state line with Indiana.

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blue jays, grackles, starlings, Northern cardinals and American robins, remains under investigation by state and federal agencies, such as the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University.

Tests completed thus far, Gillet reported, include necropsy (bird autopsy), histology (microscopic structure of tissues), virology (DNA), microbiology (growing cultures of bacteria from samples) and parasitology.

Ongoing tests include transmission electron microscopy (direct visualization of tissues), metagenomics (study of genetic material) and toxicology (vitamin A or pesticides), she went on, specifically alluding to DDE.

DDE is a breakdown product of DDT, a pesticide once widely used to control insects in agriculture and insects that carry diseases like malaria. DDT’s use in the U.S. was banned in 1972 because of damage to wildlife, but DDE persists in the environment, Gillet said, as a legacy contaminant.

The birds were eating a lot of cicadas, “which were underground for 17 years,” during which they “could definitely bioaccumulate” pesticides that “perhaps leached into the ground” and were absorbed by tree roots “that the cicadas were feeding off of,” Gillet said.

“However, there are some events that do not support this theory,” she went on. “We ended up with birds that were being tested in other

states ... like North Dakota ... and Florida ... and that’s not where cicadas were emerging, so that kind of made that theory more skeptical, not as strong a theory as one would have thought.”

But Gillet later told me: “I think pesticides – specifically, DDE, not other ones currently used – and cicadas are still being investigated ... while also continuing the investigation of vitamin deficiency due to feeding only on cicadas.”

Cicadas and pesticides sound more likely to Gillet to have sickened the birds than some of the other theories she has heard, such as 5G (fifth-generation cellular technology).

It was in late May of 2021 that Gillet’s agency, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, first began receiving reports of sick and dying birds in Indiana, starting with Monroe County.

In early summer, DNR announced a statewide moratorium on bird feeding to slow the spread of the illness, given the possibility that it was infectious.

The DNR says “wildlife disease events are often related to several interacting causes consisting of a pathogen, the environment, and the health of the host.” Though the investigation continues, unless the event repeats itself it is unlikely investigators will be able to identify a cause in the short-term.

However, Gillet says the agency did learn several important things:

There was a huge media response to the developing story. The DNR couldn’t deal with all of the one-on-one in-

terview requests. Instead, the agency hosted a press conference on July 2 in which 20 media outlets participated. The bird event “made a huge impression across the country,” Gillet said. “People were really worried. I knew people loved birds, but I didn’t know they loved birds that much.”

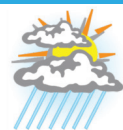




“After the news releases, now came the public response to the huge media outpouring ... The public was really concerned about birds dying, which is very heartening to hear. It makes me really happy to know that people do care about wildlife. And so a big lesson we also learned is that people do not want to be told to take down their bird feeders. This was a voluntary guidance moratorium. It wasn’t against the law to keep feeders up ... But there were a lot of very angry people responding to us, and ... we learned people really were listening.”

By the time the moratorium was lifted in September, the DNR had received about 4,300 reports from the public of sick or dead birds through its Sick or Dead Wildlife Reporting System.

“People were interested in songbirds and they were worried and they were on the lookout and provided help in tracking the disease. That was the biggest win of this event.” The agency could track the outbreak’s “severity and geographic extent pretty much in real time thanks to the public.”





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5-Day Weather Summary

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:04 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:17 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 85°, humidity of 60%. West southwest wind 7 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 61°. South southeast wind 3 to 10 mph.



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Manchester's MS in PGx gives students the opportunity to join one of the newest fields of science, precision medicine.

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from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy special interest group specializing in pharmacogenomics.

College Factual also said Manchester's MS in PGx is the most focused program of its type in the nation, a nod to MU's dedicated faculty.

Those with an MS in PGx are often employed in genetic testing, translational science and pharmaceutical

industries as applied scientists in pharmacogenomic testing, which can include sample accessioning and preparation, sample analysis, data storage, data mining, interpretation, and reporting. Some go on to pursue a Ph.D. or a professional degree in medicine, pharmacy or dentistry. This program also allows current medical professionals to expand their capabilities in genomics.

Manchester itself offers a dual degree that allows students to combine a professional doctoral degree in

pharmacy and master's degree in pharmacogenomics. MU also offers a graduate certificate in pharmacogenomics providing in-depth PGx education to enhance the clinical capabilities of health care professionals.

In 2016, Manchester was the first university in the nation to offer a dedicated master's degree in pharmacogenomics. It is based at MU's Fort Wayne campus, 10627 Diebold Road.

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2005.

Rich said he also took some very interesting sabbaticals over the years, including visiting the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to construct a math history course.

The North Manchester resident has been granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.

After a long teaching career, Rich is looking forward to the chance to travel, particularly hoping to visit the Mediterranean and Japan. He also wishes to spend more time with his family: his wife Sally, their first grandchild and their four children, Sarah, Joey, Rebekah and Jon.

“Family is important,” he

said, “so one of the things that will be fun about retirement is spending more time with family.”

There are some things that Rich will miss, particularly his students. “Being a teacher has been a big part of my identity for many years now,” he said. “When I’m retired and I’m not teaching anymore, I’m wondering how I’ll feel about that when it actually comes to pass.”

“I think most people who are teachers ... there’s a certain showmanship involved. There’s a certain amount of joy in being in front of the classroom and interacting with the students. I’ll miss that.”

When asked if there is any one thing he would like to tell his students before he leaves, Rich had this to say: “Make sure to enjoy every stage of

life that you’re in. Enjoy being a student in college because you have opportunities as a student that you’ll never have again. When you’re in college and you’re surrounded by all these other people who are in a similar situation, it’s really easier to make and maintain friendships than it is later. Don’t be in a hurry to rush through it. You just have to enjoy each stage that you’re in.”

He then jokingly added: “I want to say something like, ‘Math can really be fun,’ but that might go over like a lead balloon.”

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Heartland Career Center student Heath Tackett.

In addition to winning cash prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$250 the top three competition winners also received vouchers to attend Ivy Tech Community College. First place will have tuition cov-

ered for up to two years at Ivy Tech, second place received free tuition for one year and third place received free tuition for one semester.

All students that presented during the pitch competition also received a Manchester University Experience Awards good for \$500 scholarship per year.

“Grow Wabash County is grateful for the many part-

ners that have helped make entrepreneurship a priority in Wabash County’s schools, including the Don Wood Foundation, which provided grant funding to cover costs for the 2022 event. Grow Wabash County is excited to see what’s next for these young innovators and the future of the Wabash County business community,” said Boulrisse.

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Obituaries



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Flowers are piled around crosses with the names of the victims killed in last week’s school shooting as people visit a memorial at Robb Elementary School to pay their respects Tuesday in Uvalde, Texas.

Funerals begin: White gloves, small casket, overflow crowd

By **NATHAN ELLGREN, ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON and JIM SALTER**
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — A week after a gunman ran into a Texas grade school and started shooting, the first of 21 funerals began on Tuesday. Meanwhile, at least one family still hasn’t seen the body of their loved one.

Hundreds of mourners turned out for an afternoon Mass to remember Amerie Jo Garza. Six pallbearers wearing white shirts and gloves carried her small casket into Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which turned away several mourners after reaching capacity. Maite Rodriguez’s funeral was scheduled for later Tuesday at one of the funeral homes in Uvalde, Texas.

The two 10-year-old fourth graders were among 19 children and two teachers killed when 18-year-old Salvador Ramos burst into a classroom on May 24 and began firing a military-style rifle. Visitation for one of the teachers, 48-year-old Irma Garcia, also was Tuesday, along with visitations for

children Nevaeh Bravo and Jose Flores Jr.

Amerie loved purple, and Erika Santiago, her husband and their two children wore purple shirts adorned with images of the victims to Amerie’s funeral. Santiago described Amerie as “a nice little girl who smiled a lot,” and who was “so humble and charismatic but full of life.”

Santiago said her 10-year-old son, Adriel, watched in horror when the first images came out on the news after the shooting and he recognized his friends Amerie and Maite.

“It affected him so much,” Santiago said. “He told me he did not want to go to school fearing that could happen. He told me, ‘Mom, I just don’t feel safe.’”

Funerals will continue over the next two-and-a-half weeks. Vincent Salazar’s 11-year-old daughter, Layla, has the last of the scheduled services – her visitation is June 15 with the funeral the following day. Salazar said the family likely won’t see Layla’s body until soon before the visitation.

“It’s strange because usu-

ally when somebody dies, these things happen in three or four days,” Salazar said. “It’s not something that goes on this long. I understand there were other children as well, but we’re just waiting to get her back. That’s all we’re focused on.”

Uvalde County Justice of the Peace Eulalio “Lalo” Diaz Jr. said the bodies of all 21 victims were sent to the medical examiner’s office in San Antonio for autopsies, which he said is standard for a major crime.

“Our thing is to have all the facts,” Diaz said. “Even though there is a deceased shooter and we probably won’t have a trial, we still need to have the facts.”

Diaz said the autopsies are complete. He declined to discuss preliminary results and said final reports will take three to four months.

Meanwhile, Diaz said, there simply isn’t enough space at Uvalde’s two funeral homes to keep all of the bodies, so many were sent to out-of-town funeral homes until services near. He said the Uvalde funeral homes are working with the families on when they can see

the bodies. A message left at Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home wasn’t immediately returned. A woman who answered the phone at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary declined an interview request.

“It’s mainly because of the number of victims,” Diaz said, asking: “Where do you store that many people?”

Vincent Salazar said he and his family are going to as many visitations as they can to pay respects to the other victims and their families.

“Not necessarily going to the funerals because we’re still taking care of things hour by hour, day by day, here,” Salazar said. “We’ve got so much stuff going on with our own. You have to set everything up – obituaries, death certificates, funeral arrangements.

“That’s all we’re focused on right now – her, getting her back and being able to put her to rest,” Salazar said of Layla. “That’s it.”

Investigators continue to seek answer about how police responded to the shooting, and the U.S. Department of Justice is reviewing law enforcement actions.

Cooking with gas? Climate change may force a break up with your beloved range

By **LISA M. KRIEGER**
The Mercury News (TNS)

There’s a deep divide in the effort to reduce climate change – and it’s in the kitchen.

Beloved for its spark and sizzle, the gas stove is increasingly restricted in new residential and commercial building construction in more than 50 California cities and counties, according to the nonprofit SPUR, a consumer protection organization based in San Francisco. With escalating awareness of the environmental harm, some cities, like San Jose, Berkeley and Oakland, are banning new gas hook-ups altogether. Other cities, like Santa Cruz, only allow them in restaurants.

It’s a fraught issue for eco-conscious foodies.

“From a purely love-of-cooking standpoint, I would choose a gas stove,” said restaurateur Anne Le Zibblatt, who in 2002 opened the popular Vietnamese dining spots Tamarine in Palo Alto, followed by San Francisco’s Bong Su in 2006.

“But from an environmental perspective, I have accepted that it is being phased out,” she said. “We are getting so dangerously close to irreversible damage to the planet that we need to take more proactive measures.”

Earlier this year, the California Air Resources Board released a draft planning

document that considers various policy measures to create the nation’s first zero-emissions standards for appliances, similar to the state’s zero-emissions standards for new cars.

For now, the agency is focusing only on gas furnaces and hot water heaters. But expansion to natural gas-guzzling stoves and clothes dryers would eliminate 30 tons of smog-forming nitrogen oxide emissions every single day, it notes.

Existing homes could still use their gas appliances, but all new appliances sold in California would be zero-emission by 2035 for installation in homes and by 2045 for installation in commercial buildings, according to the draft. So if a gas appliance breaks, it would be replaced by an electric alternative.

That portends an ugly breakup of our love affair with gas cooking.

Public opinion supports all-electric appliances, “as it sounds good. ... But wait until the reality sets in – and what it means to them personally,” said Jeffrey Stout, chef and owner of Be.Steak.A and Orchard City Kitchen in Campbell. Both of his kitchens use gas, except for a small induction oven for pastries.

“Can the public accept paying higher prices due to high energy bills?” he asked. “Will they accept that steak

cooked on induction and no wood flavor?”

The gas stove was first introduced in the early 19th century, transforming the world of cooking. It uses an open flame, making it easy to see exactly when to increase or decrease heat.

But it pollutes. A new Stanford study found that stoves emit high levels of methane – even when turned off. When turned on, they can emit toxic levels of nitrogen oxides during combustion. Methane emissions from gas stoves across the United States are roughly equivalent to the carbon dioxide released by half a million gas-powered cars in a year, it reports.

The alternative is an all-electric induction stove. The technology, which uses electromagnets on a flat ceramic glass surface, performs far better than old-fashioned electric coils.

It’s pricey, lacks the drama of fire, and doesn’t work with copper or aluminum pans. So consumers have largely snubbed its use. But as California seeks to reduce emissions, purchases of induction stoves will likely surge.

Some home cooks, such as Palo Alto’s Hiromi Kelly, say she’s learned to love induction cooking for its healthy air and minimalist aesthetic.

“As humans, we’re drawn to cooking over fire,” she

said. “But every time you turn on a gas stove, the air quality goes way down. You’re burning methane in the middle of your home.”

During a home remodel, when her family capped their gas line and went all-electric, she mourned the loss of a six-burner Viking range. Now, with a new Wolf induction stove, she’s learned how to skillfully use cast iron pans to boil pasta, toast tofu, even sear salmon.

“It comes out perfectly, every time,” she said. “The stove looks great, and is so easy to clean. I just use a damp towel and wipe it down.”

Some restaurants, such as Napa’s French Laundry, use both gas and induction.

But the tool must be tailored to the recipe, said chefs.

An induction oven performs well when cooking a satiny crème brûlée or other custards, because it provides the consistent temperature that prevents scorching, said Rodney Baca, who runs the Shop by Chef Baca eatery at San Jose State University and also has food stands at SAP Center.

“It’s awesome, in certain areas,” he said.

But if your goal is a perfectly seared filet mignon, coated with coarsely cracked peppercorns? Or chicken fried steak, with crispy breadcrumbs? Only gas will do, he said.

Kim D. Poole

Kim D. Poole, 59, passed away on May 29, 2022.

Funeral service will be held on June 3, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992

Visitation for family and friends will be 2-7 p.m. on June 2, 2022, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Biden plots inflation fight with Fed chair as nation worries

By **JOSH BOAK, CHRISTOPHER RUGABER and ZEKE MILLER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Focused on relentlessly rising prices, President Joe Biden plotted inflation-fighting strategy Tuesday with the chairman of the Federal Reserve, with the fate of the economy and his own political prospects increasingly dependent on the actions of the government’s central bank.

Biden hoped to demonstrate to voters that he was attuned to their worries about higher gasoline, grocery and other prices while still insisting an independent Fed will act free from political pressure.

Like Biden, the Fed wants to slow inflation without knocking the U.S. economy into recession, a highly sensitive mission that is to include increasing benchmark interest rates this summer. The president said he would not attempt to direct that course as some previous presidents have tried.

“My plan to address inflation starts with simple proposition: Respect the Fed, respect the Fed’s independence,” Biden said.

and it drove oil prices to \$115 a barrel Tuesday.

This was only the fourth meeting between the president and the Federal Reserve chair, though Powell breakfasts as often as once a week with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who also attended Tuesday’s meeting along with Brian Deese, the White House National Economic Council director.

Ahead of the meeting, Biden suggested that he and Powell were aligned on addressing inflation.

“My predecessor demeaned the Fed, and past presidents have sought to influence its decisions inappropriately during periods of elevated inflation,” Biden said in an op-ed posted Monday by The Wall Street Journal. “I won’t do this. I have appointed highly qualified people from both parties to lead that institution. I agree with their assessment that fighting inflation is our top economic challenge right now.”

In contrast, President Donald Trump repeatedly attacked Powell after the Fed chair oversaw moderate interest rate hikes in 2018 and continued his public criticism even as Powell cut rates in 2019.

The sit-down on a heat-drenched late-spring day was Biden’s latest effort to show his dedication to containing the 8.3 percent leap in consumer prices over the past year. Rising gas and food costs have angered many Americans heading into the midterm elections, putting Democrats’ control of the House and Senate at risk.

Biden is running out of options on his own. His past attempts – oil releases from the strategic reserve, improving port operations and calls to investigate price gouging – have fallen short of satisfactory results. High prices have undermined his efforts to highlight the low 3.6 percent unemployment rate, leaving a growing sense of pessimism among Americans.

Tuesday’s meeting was the first since Powell was renominated in November by Biden to lead the central bank and came two weeks after his confirmation for a second term by the Senate.

It also represented something of a reversal by Biden as inflation weighs heavily on voters’ minds. The president asserted in April 2021 that he was “very fastidious about not talking” with the independent Fed and wanted to avoid being seen as “telling them what they should and shouldn’t do.”

The White House, along with the Fed, initially portrayed the inflation surge as a temporary side effect caused by supply chain issues as the U.S. emerged from the pandemic. Republican lawmakers were fast to criticize Biden’s \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package from last year as pumping too much money into the economy and causing more inflation. That narrative also has held some sway with leading economists who say the financial support was excessive even though it helped the job market roar back.

Inflation has shown signs of moderating but is likely to remain far above the Fed’s 2 percent target through the end of this year. Gas prices are expected to keep rising, particularly now that the European Union has agreed to cut off 90 percent of its oil purchases from Russia. That will force the EU to buy more oil from elsewhere,

Biden’s endorsement of the Fed’s policies – a stance echoed by congressional GOP leaders – gives Powell important political cover for a series of sharp interest rate hikes intended to rein in higher prices. Yet the higher rates could cause layoffs, raise the unemployment rate and even tip the economy into recession.

Amid worries that the U.S. economy may repeat the high, persistent inflation of the 1970s, the cooperation between Biden and Powell represents a crucial difference from that time and could make it easier for the Fed to restrain higher prices.

In the early 1970s, President Richard Nixon pressured Fed chair Arthur Burns to lower interest rates to spur the economy before Nixon’s 1972 reelection campaign. Nixon’s interference is now widely seen as a key contributor to runaway inflation, which remained high until the early 1980s.

“That’s why comparisons to the 1970s are wrong,” said Sebastian Mallaby, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and author of a biography on former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, “The Man Who Knew.”

“The president’s essay was striking because he explicitly backed the Fed.”

Biden faces an increasingly global challenge as energy and food costs have jumped after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine in February. Simultaneously, China imposed lockdowns tied to coronavirus outbreaks that further strained supply chains. This has left the European Union nursing record inflation and the risks of a recession, while U.S. consumers are increasingly disgruntled by gas prices averaging a nominal record of \$4.62 a gallon.

Powell has pledged to keep ratcheting up the Fed’s key short-term interest rate to cool the economy until inflation is “coming down in a clear and convincing way.” But those rate hikes have spurred fears that the Fed, in its drive to slow borrowing and spending, may push the economy into recession. That concern has caused sharp drops in stock prices in the past two months, though markets rallied last week.

Ericsson hopes Indy 500 win legitimizes his career

“Winning the Indy 500, it’s not bad for a pay driver.”

That was the message from Marcus Ericsson after the biggest victory of his life, an Indianapolis 500 win that just maybe

Jenna Fryer



would earn him some respect as a race car driver.

It’s not that Ericsson was some rich kid who bought his way into Formula One without the talent to warrant a seat. In fact, Swedish investors hoping

to develop the nation’s next racing superstar found Ericsson when he was 15 and provided the financial backing he needed to rise through the European ranks and make it to F1.

His backers never stopped believing in him and stayed with him through 97 winless F1 races. They supported Ericsson when he decided to pack up and move to the United States for a fresh start, and stuck with him after his first uninspiring IndyCar season.

Ericsson drove for Sam Schmidt in his rookie IndyCar season, but he was let go when McLaren bought into the team ahead of the 2020 season and changed the entire lineup.

Ericsson needed a new job and Chip Ganassi Racing was interested – so long as Ericsson found the money to field the car. He partnered with Swedish company Huski Chocolate, which sponsors the No. 8 car that Ericsson drove to the win Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The victory put Ericsson alongside Kenny Brack as the only Swedes to win in 106 runnings of the Indy 500, and to Ericsson, legitimized his career as so much more than “a pay driver.”

“You know, that’s what people call you if you come in and have strong backing,” Ericsson said Monday. “I don’t come from a rich background, I come from a normal family in Sweden, and I’ve worked very hard in my career to get opportunities and get people to believe in me.

“And then they put a label on you as a pay driver, and I had that label all my F1 years and even here in America. Coming here, I don’t think there were too many people super excited to see me here in IndyCar, and it’s just something that has been sticking with me.”

But the Ganassi organization isn’t a backmarker team and Ericsson was now driving cars capable of winning races. He had an adjustment period in 2020 adapting to a new culture of sharing information with teammates who cheer for one another rather than try to defeat them, and Ericsson was admittedly still rebuilding the confidence that had been shattered over five F1 seasons.

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WABASH VARSITY BASEBALL DEFEATS ROCHESTER 10-3 ON WEDNESDAY

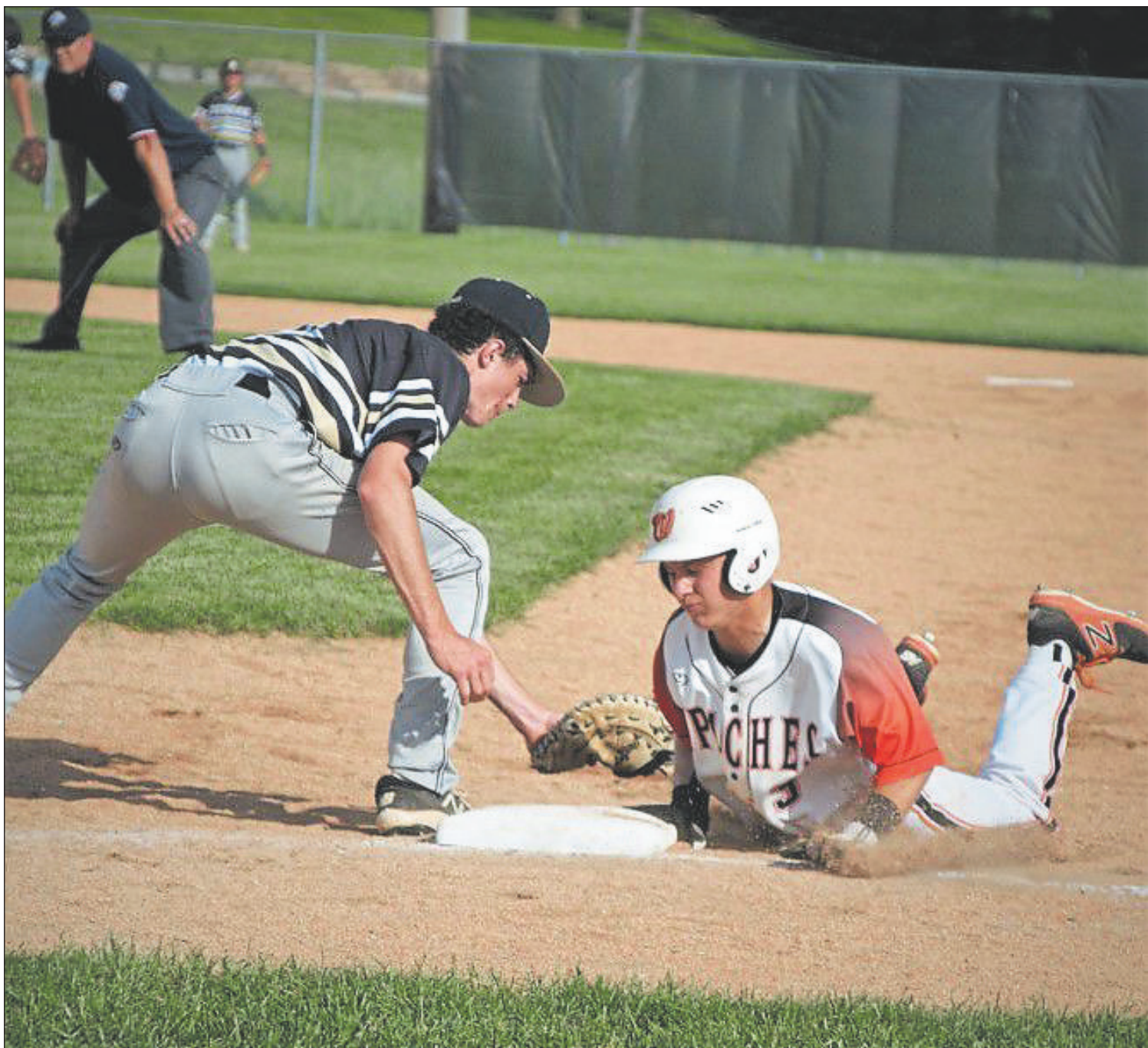


Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Apache senior Jared Brooks slides head first just under the tag of Rochester's first baseman Luke Hunting. Wabash scored five runs in both the third and fourth innings to defeat the Zebras 10-3 Wednesday, May 25 at Chris Rood Field.



Wabash senior Colten Learned swings for the fences as he paced the Apaches with a 3 for 4 performance at the plate and 4 RBIs on the day. The host Apaches defeated the Rochester Zebras 10-3 in the opening game of the 2A no. 37 Boys Baseball Sectional on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25 at Chris Rood Field.



Apaches starter Chayden Beeks held Rochester to four hits over five innings as the Wabash Apaches made a statement in game one downing the Zebras 10-3.

Al Horford’s wait over, NBA Finals moment looms with Celtics

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — The game was over. So, finally, was Al Horford’s journey. He grabbed what would be the final rebound of the Eastern Conference finals, threw the ball skyward, sprinted to join his teammates in celebration and then dropped to his knees to slap the floor.

His time has come. The oldest player – by six years – on the Boston Celtics’ roster will savor this trip to the NBA Finals in ways that his teammates simply cannot. He will finally play in the title series, with the Celtics set to open the matchup against the Golden State Warriors on Thursday night, one day before

Horford’s 36th birthday.

“Nobody deserves it more,” Boston guard Jaylen Brown said.

Nobody in the history of the NBA has played more playoff games without making the finals than Horford; Sunday night’s 100-96 East title-clinching win in Miami was his 141st postseason game. When the ball is tipped in San Francisco for the start of Celtics-Warriors, that dubious distinction becomes Paul Millsap’s possession; he’s been in 130 playoff games, none in the finals.

Horford didn’t know what the moment – making the finals – would be like. Turns out, it was better than he envisioned.

“Just didn’t know how to act,” Horford said. “Just caught up, excited. A lot of hard work. I’ve

been a part of a lot of great teams, a lot of great teammates, and I’m so proud of this group. ... I’m really grateful to be in this position.”

Horford had a previous three-year stint in Boston, making the East finals twice, before signing with Philadelphia and eventually getting moved to Oklahoma City. He didn’t play much for the Thunder, and they traded him last summer back to Boston – a move that worked out better than even the Celtics hoped.

His averages so far in these playoffs: 11.9 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.5 assists while playing nearly 37 minutes per contest.

“Al could care less about the numbers,” Celtics guard Marcus Smart said. “He cares about the wins and this team. When he came

back, that gave us a sense of security. We got Al back there, he’s always going to make the right play on both ends, he’s going to calm us down, he’s going to show us what we missed and he’s going to help us learn the game even more.”

Horford isn’t Boston’s best player. But make no mistake: He is the leader. In practices, timeouts, the locker room, wherever, his voice resonates.

“It’s incredible what he’s done all season,” coach Ime Udoka said. “As I mentioned, came into training camp in extremely great shape, chip on his shoulder, prideful, wanted to come back to Boston. ... He lays it all out there guarding bigs, smalls and everything in between. His leadership

goes without saying.”

Winning the East title was hard enough, going through a No. 1 seed like Miami and having to win a Game 7 on the road.

That told only part of the story. Horford wasn’t himself in Game 6 on Friday night, when Boston had a chance to clinch the series on its home floor, and for understandable reasons. His grandfather died the day before, though family members urged Horford to keep playing.

“My grandfather was somebody that I was extremely close with, somebody that I really care for,” Horford said. “All week my mom, my family were just kind of telling me to just go out there and

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Michael Conroy / AP

Marcus Ericsson poses with the Borg-Warner Trophy during the traditional winners photo session at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday. Ericsson won the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday.

Ericsson’s 500 win helps fuel Swedish momentum in IndyCars

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Felix Rosenqvist sensed Swedish race fans started following IndyCars earnestly again in 2019.

Marcus Ericsson’s Indianapolis 500 victory will only fuel the momentum.

After becoming the second 500 winner from Sweden, Ericsson’s homecoming later this summer could be fit for a king.

“I’m planning to go home for mid-summer, that could be a good mid-summer party, right?” he said Sunday, winning with a Hulski Chocolate, a Swedish-based company as his primary sponsor.

First, Ericsson must complete a weeklong victory tour. That’s followed by races next Sunday at Detroit and the following Sunday at Road America before a two-week-end break may finally allow Ericsson to bask in the celebration of his home country.

But the 31-year-old Ericsson doesn’t mind the busy schedule, especially given the long, arduous path he took to join his mentor Kenny Brack atop the world of IndyCar racing. Brack won the 500 in 1999.

And Ericsson’s rapid ascension is likely to keep the interest in American racing percolating throughout Europe.

Ericsson’s trek could serve as a

model for other international racers. After failing to make the podium in 97 Formula One starts, Ericsson left for IndyCars in 2019. He finished 17th in points as a rookie, was cut loose by Schmidt Peterson Motorsports and bought a ride with Chip Ganassi Racing.

Since then, Ericsson relied on the advice Brack offered all those years ago to produce three top-five finishes in each of the past three seasons and three wins including Sunday’s. Brack isn’t surprised by the results — and understands how Sweden will embrace its newest star.

“It’s great to see, so a big congratulations,” Brack said on an impromptu phone call Sunday. “I don’t think you realize yet what this means for your career, but you will find out in time.”

While Ericsson’s victory sweeps Sweden, it’s a boon for the series, too.

Three Nordic country drivers are already full-time IndyCar drivers — Ericsson, Rosenqvist and 21-year-old rookie Christian Luundgaard of Denmark. Add 21-year-old Rinus VeeKay of the Netherlands and Ericsson’s teammate, defending series champion Alex Palou of Spain, and there’s a distinctly influential European flavor developing.

With American drivers such as Colton Herta and Josef Newgarden, Mexico’s Pato O’Ward of Mexico,

and Marcus, the word kind of gets spread around,” Rosenqvist said. “There was a big spike in 2019 when we both came here and now it’s a consistently growing fan base in Sweden. With all the new talent in Sweden, I think we have a good future in the U.S.”

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Drivers with previous Formula One experience, such as Ericsson, Romain Grosjean of France and Takuma Sato of Japan, have found more success in America than overseas.

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Saban on feud with Fisher: ‘I have no problem with Jimbo’

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — Alabama coach Nick Saban tried to put an end to his feud with Texas A&M’s Jimbo Fisher on Tuesday as Southeastern Conference leaders gathered for spring meetings at a resort on the Florida Gulf Coast.

“I didn’t really say that anybody did anything wrong,” Saban said when asked if he had evidence that Texas A&M has been buying players with name, image and likeness compensation deals. “OK, and I’ve said everything I’m going to say about this. I should have never mentioned any individual institutions as I’ve said that before.”

Saban added: “I have no problem with Jimbo. I have no problem with Jimbo at all.”

Saban set off Fisher two weeks ago when he called out Texas A&M

and other schools while talking about the need for NIL regulation in college sports.

Fisher responded angrily, saying Saban’s comments were despicable and calling his former boss at LSU a “narcissist” while denying any wrongdoing with his program that landed the No. 1 recruiting class in the country for 2022.

The SEC spring meetings — taking place in person for the first time since 2019 because of the pandemic — were the first opportunity for the two superstar coaches to meet face-to-face since the dustup. Fisher was not scheduled to meet with reporters Tuesday.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart downplayed the back and forth between Fisher and Saban. Smart worked under Saban for years, including a

season at LSU when Fisher was Saban’s offensive coordinator.

“You guys should be on the head-phones sometimes,” Smart said, referencing the interaction between coaches on game days. “It just happened in front of everybody.”

Before heading into what was scheduled to be a five-hour meeting with all 14 SEC coaches, Saban met with reporters for about 10 minutes. The first question Saban he was asked was about Texas A&M and he quickly pivoted into trying to make a broader point about NIL.

“Some kind of uniform name, image and likeness standard that supports some kind of equitable, national competition I think is really, really important in college athletics and college football,” Saban said.

Saban said transparency was need-

ed to ensure athletes are signing legitimate deals that pay them for their services and that boosters needed to be kept out of recruiting.

The NCAA lifted most of its rules barring athletes from earning money from sponsorship and endorsement deals last July, but there are concerns among many in college sports that NIL deals are being used as recruiting inducements and de facto pay-for-play. The NCAA issued guidance to Division I members in early May to make clear booster-funded collectives being involved in recruiting is a rules violation.

“Believe me, I’m all for players making as much as they can make,” Saban said. “But I also think we’ve got to have some uniform, transparent way to do that.”

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play. That’s something that he would have wanted me to do, to just continue on and really just try and stay focused and understand that he’s at peace now.”

There was grief. There was joy. The last few days have been quite the emotional pendulum for Hor-

ford.

But maybe it was fitting that the NBA Finals ticket came his way in Miami, given that he played his college ball at Florida and is a hero in his native Dominican Republic — where countless people have become Celtics fans again because of him.

“We’re here in Miami really close to the DR. Everybody is watching. The country was

watching,” Horford said. “I know everybody was there. They were sending me pictures, they were ready for this, and we’re enjoying this time.”

Before long, though, he was already thinking ahead. The celebration in Miami had to end. A new challenge — the ultimate challenge for a basketball player, the one for an NBA title — awaits. Finally.

“His energy, his demeanor, coming in every day, being a professional, taking care of his body, being a leader, I’m proud to be able to share this moment with a veteran, a mentor, a brother, a guy like Al Horford, man,” Brown said. “He’s been great all season, really my whole career. I’m happy to be able to share this moment with somebody like him.”

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He didn’t score his first IndyCar victory until Detroit last June in his second season with the team — it was Ericsson’s first win in eight years — and an August win in Nashville earned him a contract extension that Ericsson said “is multiple years.”

The so-called pay driver is now a Swedish hero. Finn Rausing, one of Ericsson’s longtime backers, attended his first Indy 500 on Sunday and then kissed the bricks

in celebration of his investment’s victory. Rausing also passed on to Ericsson a congratulatory message sent from King Carl XVI Gustaf, the monarch of Sweden.

Ericsson also got paid; his Indy 500 win earned him a \$3.1 million payout from the record total purse of \$16 million. And because the Indy 500 is worth double points in the standings, Ericsson skyrocketed from eighth to the IndyCar points leader as he prepares to return to Detroit this weekend and defend last year’s breakthrough victory.

The last 12 months have certainly helped Ericsson prove himself

in IndyCar and the Indy 500 win earned him global recognition. But there’s still something that Ericsson wants for legitimacy.

A journalist from his hometown in Sweden attended the Indy 500 and told Ericsson he’d gone to every single souvenir stand in a fruitless search for a single merchandise item that featured the driver. But his teammates are six-time IndyCar champion Scott Dixon, seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson and reigning IndyCar champion Alex Palou, so it can be hard for a quiet Swede to stand out.

“I use it as motivation, but also I understand when you have (my teammates). It’s so obvious I’m not going to be the one in the spotlight,” Ericsson said. “But I have a journalist here from my local newspaper ... he didn’t find a single T-shirt, cap or anything with Marcus Ericsson. Pretty much every driver in the field, but not a single Ericsson thing.”

“Things like that, it’s a bit annoying. Like maybe I can have one T-shirt? You know, that would be nice.”

Jenna Fryer covers auto racing for The Associated Press.

Russians star in NHL playoffs as nation wages war in Ukraine

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

A little more than a mile from the United Nations, where Russia’s war in Ukraine is front and center, the crowd at Madison Square Garden chanted goaltender Igor Shesterkin’s name in the final moments of a playoff victory.

Similar scenes played out in the nation’s capital during the first round when Washington Capitals fans serenaded longtime captain Alex Ovechkin with chants of, “Ovi! Ovi!” Ovechkin has long been linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who ordered the invasion.

The NHL postseason has inadvertently become an intersection of sports and politics, with Russians starring on North American ice against the backdrop of the largest military conflict in Europe since World War II. While their countrymen in sports from soccer to tennis have been banned from competitions, Russians in the NHL have played on while keeping a low profile away from the rink.

“Everybody’s doing the best they can under incredibly trying circumstances,” Commissioner Gary Bettman told The Associated Press during a recent interview. “Our players play for their NHL teams, no matter where they’re from. At this particular point in time, the Russian players are in an impossible situation.”

A total of 56 Russians skated in the NHL during the regular season, roughly 5 percent of the total number of players, with 29 taking part in the playoffs, just under 8 percent. Some are the best the game has to offer, from Shesterkin backstopping the New York Rangers deep into the second round to Tampa Bay’s Nikita Kucherov and Andrei Vasilevskiy pushing the Lightning to their fourth Eastern Conference final in five years in a bid for a third consecutive Stanley Cup championship.

The NHL never seriously considered a ban like Wimbledon made on players from Russia and Belarus, which aided in the invasion. It released a statement condemning the war, ended business operations and partnerships in Russia and stopped posting to Russian language social and digital media sites.

Individual players born there — either when it was the Soviet Union or Russian Federation — have continued to take the ice since Putin’s forces invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24. The NHL said it was concerned about the well-being of players from Russia, adding, “We understand they and their families are being placed in an extremely difficult position.”

“It’s a quagmire and there’s no easy way out of this,” said Stefan Szymanski, professor of sport management at the University of Michigan. “The cleanest answers are to say, ‘We will not ban any athletes,’ or ‘We will just ban all athletes,’ and anything in between is going to be caught up in these gray areas.”

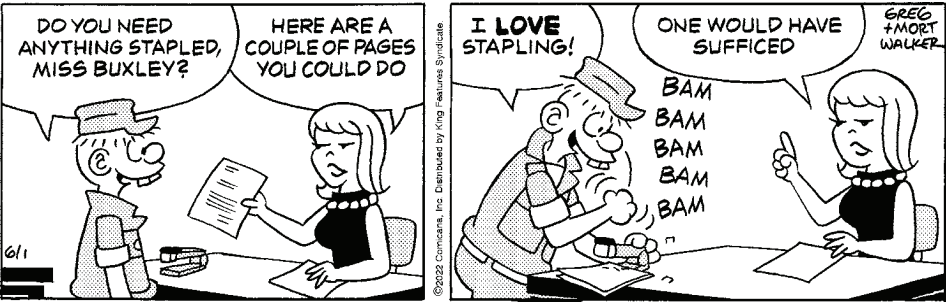
Russian players have been largely quiet about what Putin deemed a “special military operation,” which can carry a prison sentence back home for anyone who calls it a war. Ovechkin, who in 2017 campaigned for Putin, made a plea for peace, Calgary defenseman Nikita Zadorov posted the message “NO WAR” on Instagram and Carolina forward Andrei Svechnikov called it a “hard situation.”

Agent Dan Milstein, a native of Ukraine who represents 14 Russian players under contract in the NHL including Kucherov and Vasilevskiy, told the AP in March that talking about the war in any way was a concern because of family members back home. He and several other NHLPA-certified agents who have Russian clients either declined to comment since or did not respond to messages seeking comment.

High-profile Russian players are largely attempting to stay off the radar off the ice while focusing on their job at the most important time of year. The on-ice success is not debatable, as Russians have accounted for 41 goals — 9 percent of the total scored in the playoffs — and 21 of 72 wins among goalies through Sunday.

“When you play, you forget everything,” Pittsburgh star Evgeni Malkin said. “It’s the best time to step on the ice and do what you do your whole life.”

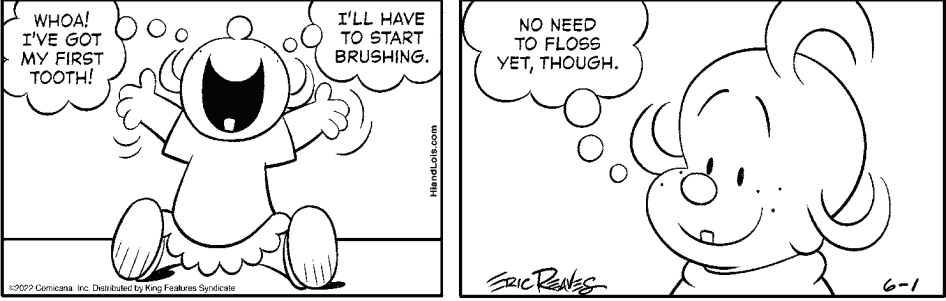
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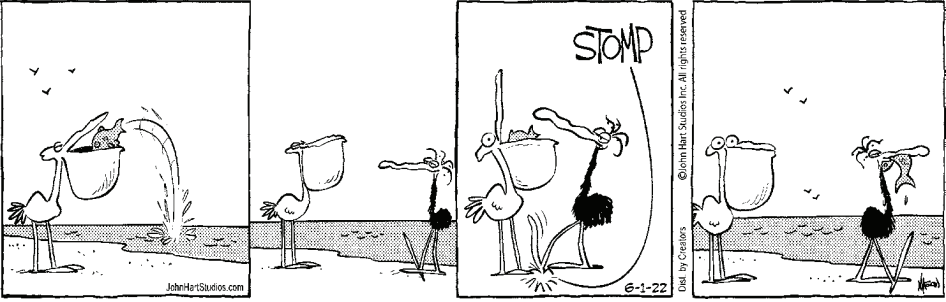
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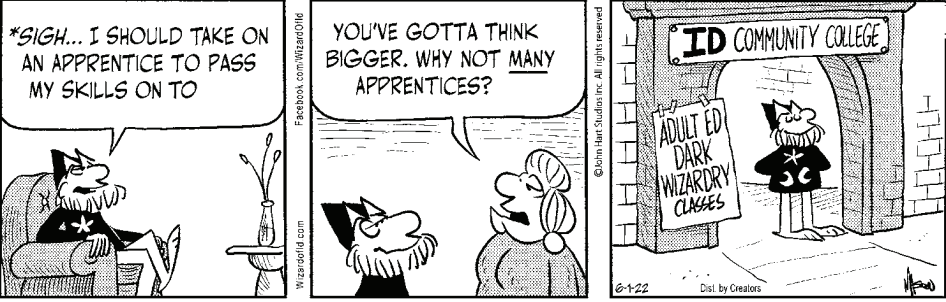
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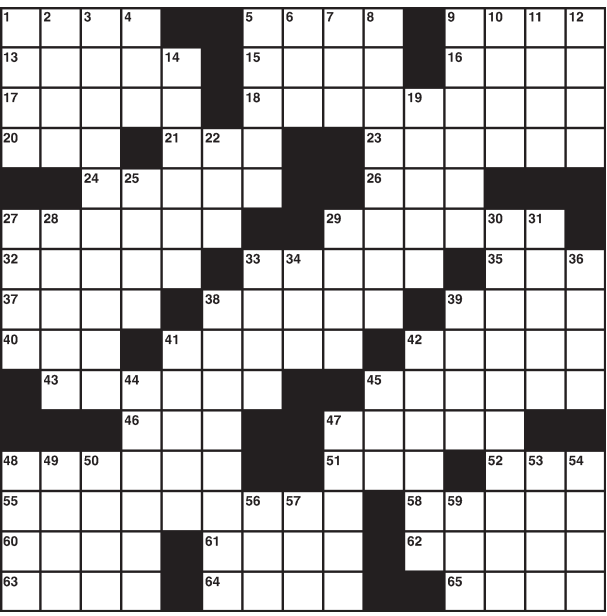
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A COVID case overseas causes trouble at home

DEAR AMY: My spouse and I recently went to Egypt and Greece. Three days before we were to return home, we conducted COVID-19 self-tests, because he had some sniffles.

He tested positive. I did not. We were faced with a choice,

Amy Dickinson
Ask Amy



either I re-book quickly and return home the next day (in case I should also become positive in the following day or so), or I stay and risk getting infected.

Outside of the sniffles, he had no symptoms.

We also have a dog who had already been boarded for 15 days and if we both had to stay in Greece it would have likely added five to 10 days to him being stuck in a kennel.

We decided that I should return home, which I did.

He only stayed a few more days, and returned home as soon as he tested negative.

Now, I am getting grief: "You deserted me in Greece!"

Should I have stayed? – Accused of Desertion

DEAR ACCUSED: This question brings up an important topic that all traveling families should discuss and consider before they leave home: "What should we do if COVID hits one or more of us while we're away?"

I hope that you and your spouse will go a little easy on yourselves; the fact that you are bringing this topic into other households through your question might help others to arrive at their own workable strategy.

Understanding that self-tests are fallible, you decided to lessen your possible exposure by leaving quickly.

You state: "We decided that I should return home." If that is true, then your spouse agreed that you should depart the region, rather than both of you being stuck there for an indeterminate period of time.

If he gives you "grief" about this by repeating his claim, you should take him seriously and ask him, "Do you truly feel I deserted you?"

He may have been surprised by his own anxieties surfacing after you had left, and if so – you should encourage him to talk about it.

After talking earnestly about this, you should then ask him if he considers the matter settled. If not, talk some more.

If he does accept the way this challenging situation was handled by both of you – then ask him to frame this not as a "desertion," but a "decision."

DEAR AMY: I'm engaged to a wonderful guy – he's kind, smart, and my best friend. I truly couldn't ask for a better partner! We're planning to get married next spring.

My mother disapproves, and it is breaking my heart.

She says he's a great man, but she doesn't approve of our relationship. She always had a certain idea of what kind of man I'd end up with, and he doesn't fit her mold. I know there's no changing her mind.

She and I recently had a heart-to-heart talk and she asked if I was still planning on going through with marrying him. I asked her if she'd be at the wedding.

She said that if I'm marrying him, she's not sure.

Amy, I want my mom to be there more than anything. She's the only one who raised me, and I love her. Thankfully, her answer isn't a direct no, but I'm so worried. I'm trying to not focus too much on her choice right now, but I'm very worried and upset. How can I prepare myself for the worst? – Dejected Daughter

DEAR DEJECTED: Now that you and your mother have discussed this, and she has made her views clear, you should not bring it up again.

You and your guy should continue with your plans and trust her to make up her mind in her own way and time.

Respect her, love her, and listen to her. But unless she raises legitimate issues regarding your marriage, don't let her control you. The more you worry about her choice, the tighter her control.

"He doesn't fit my mold" is not a legitimate reason to oppose a marriage.

She may be struggling to let you go; this is not something you can necessarily help her with.

DEAR AMY: The question from "Concerned Mother" worried me. Her daughter abruptly quit her job and moved back home. You focused on the fact that she isn't working. It seems obvious to me that this woman is depressed! – Concerned

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes, it is possible that this young-adult is depressed. In my response, I wrote: "Does she need counseling? Help her to find it."

You can email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strut your stuff. Overcome any tendency to be too pushy in business affairs by setting a sterling example for others to follow. Your trustworthiness might not be questioned, but family members may hope to see better results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is no reason to start from scratch or reinvent the wheel. Let a brief period of dissatisfaction pass before you throw something away. You may overreact to criticism or feel dissatisfied with a possession.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Enjoy affection and intimate moments with a loyal partner. You can be pre-occupied by romantic fantasies if you are still single and overlook someone new who is serious about making a commitment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) All's well that ends well. Make an effort to clear up misunderstandings about mutual plans. You could misread the fine print on paperwork so it's wise to wait for better timing to sign financial contracts and agreements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get attuned with your inner self to understand what you really want and need – don't let fantasies distract you from what is truly important. Get out the calculator and double check the numbers before spending your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you feel you must say something, someone may need to hear it. However, process your feelings first and adopt a neutral tone to avoid sounding as though you are critical. A desire for perfection at all costs is never useful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) When someone close takes foolhardy risks, you don't need to be tempted to do the same. Be patient – achieving financial stability is a long-term process. You need to stay on the path to success until you get there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be creative and engage in constructive activities. Express yourself whether you have an appreciative audience or not. Some people may not share your feelings and desires, or be inclined to give you a shout-out now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) If you don't want to be manipulated, you need to know the difference between maintaining your narrative and facing facts. You could be willing to cooperate to keep the peace even if you are placed at a disadvantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can find a way to make ends meet when there are bills to pay. Find creative ways to economize or cut back expenses. This might be a good day to ask a superior for more responsibilities or a friend for a favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) When you practice validating yourself, you don't need to chase recognition and appreciation, instead you can just be satisfied with doing your best. Organize your tasks in order of importance so that you are more efficient.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Compromise may be needed to fulfill a promise. Do whatever is necessary to honor your word. Chasing rainbows will accomplish little more than waste your time so do not be distracted by a passing fancy.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:9-20

U.S. influence in Asia depends on economic engagement

A gaffe, a domestic political gambit, a cunning diplomatic stratagem or a simple moment of honesty: there are several ways to interpret Joe Biden's pledge this week, during a visit to Tokyo, to use military force if Taiwan is attacked by China. What is clear is that the U.S. president's sabre-rattling against China was a great deal more prominent than his willingness to offer meaningful economic engagement with U.S. partners in Asia. If the U.S. is serious about winning the contest for influence in 21st-century Asia, that is the wrong way around.

Biden's comments – the third time he has made similar remarks – appeared to reverse decades of U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" over Taiwan. A generous interpretation would say that was the intent; to deter aggression by an increasingly powerful China. However, that analysis was undermined by the White House, which wasted no time in rowing back yet again from the president's words. Then on Tuesday, a joint fly-by of Chinese and Russian nuclear-capable bombers across the Sea of Japan – while Biden was in Tokyo meeting counterparts at the Quad security grouping summit – showed that any sabre-rattling America could do, they could do better.

Both incidents meant

Biden's first trip to Asia as president – a chance to bolster alliances and show the region is still his top foreign priority, despite the war in Ukraine – struggled to produce a positive agenda. That was always the risk when the centrepiece of the trip's trade initiatives was the underwhelming Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

It is a deal that does not include meaningful market access to the U.S. but instead promises help with clean energy and common digital standards. The fact that 12 Asian countries are participating is in no small part due to the efforts of Japan rather than because of the attractiveness of what the U.S. is offering. At a time when China is striking large regional trade deals such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the IPEF is obviously under-powered. It leaves Asian countries beyond the obvious U.S. allies wondering why they should bother to engage.

They can read, as well as anybody else, the polls that show Biden's approval rating heavily in negative territory. They assume he will be a lame duck after November's midterm elections. And they must reckon with the possibility that the U.S. will elect a Republican in 2024 – maybe even Donald Trump again – who will be just as bellicose on China while tearing up the feeble initia-

tives Biden has offered.

The U.S. ought to do better. The IPEF could become the vehicle for a more meaningful regional trade and investment policy, but only if Biden is willing to give it some real content. The ideal would be for the U.S. to come back to T.P.P., the deal that Trump pulled out of in 2017 and which has since been renamed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. Biden, too, decided imports were politically toxic and opposition to the C.P.T.P.P. in Congress seems insurmountable for now. China, meanwhile, is eager to join the C.P.T.P.P., though its path to membership will be long and fraught. The U.K. has also applied. If it is successful, it could find a useful role in brokering a U.S. return.

But for the U.S. to follow that path would first require Biden to want to shift the domestic political narrative on trade deals from one where they imperil American jobs to one where they help cement American security. If the U.S. really wants to be the attractive superpower partner relative to China, it needs to elevate the diplomatic and economic sides of its engagement with Asia to the same level as its military commitment across the region.

This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.



Combat the effects of severe inflation on workers: Raise the minimum wage

By JACKIE BOBERG

With inflation reaching an astronomical 8.5 percent annual rate last month, virtually all Americans are having a more difficult time providing for themselves and their families. One group of workers, however, has been hit harder than any other: low and minimum wage workers, whose earnings of just \$7.25 an hour have stagnated for twelve years.

The minimum wage is losing more purchasing power by the day, making it more urgent than ever that we must combat the devastating effects of inflation on our country's workers by raising the wage floor for workers across the country.

The current minimum wage, which works out to just \$15,000 a year for full-time employees, leaves nearly all low-wage workers below the poverty line, unable to provide the necessities for themselves and their families. This leaves millions of workers making only a fraction of what one person would need to support themselves, much less an entire family. Now, with prices rising in every sector of our economy, these workers are having an even harder time affording what they need to survive.

\$7.25 an hour was already

an inadequate wage when it was first introduced in 2009, but in 2022, it is downright shameful. Wages have lost over 30 percent of their purchasing power in the last 12 years, making the fight for even a \$15 minimum wage, first proposed in 2012, also inadequate. The minimum wage simply no longer achieves what it was initially intended to do: provide hard-working Americans with enough income to support themselves and their families, and every day of inaction leaves low-wage workers to fall farther and farther behind.

While news of rising wages and worker empowerment makes it seem like workers are doing better than ever before, in many parts of the country Americans are still earning poverty wages. Even in places with higher growth, inflation is negating any wage increases and wearing away the spending power workers' increased wages can offer.

Opponents of a living wage try to argue that the raising wages for workers we have seen in the last few months are the cause of inflation. These arguments are nonsensical: wages aren't meaningfully contributing to inflation, as they're not even keeping up with it. There is no evidence to suggest that the minimum wage would exasperate our

current inflation situation further.

For the sake of our workers, we need to create a better system for determining the minimum wage, one that is more practical than allowing inflation to eat away at the earnings of some of our country's most vulnerable workers. The federal minimum wage should be immediately raised to at least \$15 an hour, but it should also either be indexed to inflation or median wage as an additional safeguard against dropping purchasing power. A large number of government systems and programs are already indexed to inflation, such as the Child Tax Credit, tax brackets, and even political donation caps are indexed to inflation. It's beyond time that the minimum wage is added to that list.

Our economy should work for everyone, including low-wage workers. We have a responsibility to ensure all Americans are fairly compensated for their work, but that responsibility has been neglected for years. It's time for a change. Congress must raise the minimum wage to lift millions of working Americans out of poverty.

Jackie Boberg is a retired tech sales and marketing professional and member of the Patriotic Millionaires.

LETTERS

Disappointed by the federal reaction to the inflation crisis

Inflation is at its highest level in decades, leaving far too many Hoosiers struggling to pay for necessities. And that's if they can even find the products they are looking for. This also is the fate of many businesses that consistently face overpriced and back ordered items.

What's all the more frustrating is the reaction by the federal government. That this took them by surprise and the belief that things wouldn't get this bad. In reality, our unfortunate path has played out as many economists predicted.

Those paying attention knew this would happen due to the various stimulus packages passed by Congress and pushed for by the executive branch. There were clear warnings that this was going to put too much money in the economy and there wasn't going to be enough supply to meet demand. Add to that the long list of supply chain issues that were evident throughout the pandemic.

The rush to implement green energy policies is also to blame. These initiatives have directed suppliers to go the renewable energy route at the expense of petroleum production. Specifically, this has driven up prices at the pump and for anything related to oil. The Biden administration has simply tried to go too far too fast with its energy policy.

Energy costs are inherent to our economy since there is little those costs don't touch. So any increase in those prices sets up a domino effect. Petroleum in particular is a key piece of many things we make – either directly in materials or through packaging such as plastics.

It's past time for the federal government to come up with concrete policies to help with the inflation crisis and not get wrapped up in the continued blame game that benefits no one.

Kevin Brinegar
President and CEO,
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Indianapolis

Lawless days and nightly summaries

The nightly TV news provides ongoing and certain evidence of our inability to live as a free and responsible people.

We are confronted with story after story of lawless or reckless behavior with nary a solution ever proposed that has a reasonable chance of successful implementation.

The government, conscious that some still believe it plays a role, has too poor a grip on science, history, law, and culture to come up with any rewarding legislation.

Business and finance are too busy with greedy competition, consumer exploitation, and building moats around their corporate kingdoms to contribute meaningfully.

Universities are strangely impotent, adopting a see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil posture. They share little of what they know, so play a minuscule role in solving community problems.

Churches are silent, consumed with their membership challenges and other-worldly doctrines.

Political parties care more about contending for power than serving the people.

The result of all this is blossoming anti-constitutional anarchy enabled not by violent recent immigrants, but by our own supposedly sophisticated and spiritual leaders.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

Those exiting foster care still need assistance despite improvements

May was National Foster Care Month, a time to acknowledge the more than 24,000 children, teens and young adults in the state's foster care system, and identify ways to support them.

As the only nonprofit in Indiana empowering and supporting teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care, Foster Success has led the way for the past decade in providing the financial, educational and social support they need to succeed and become self-sufficient.

However, even as our organization celebrates 10 years of supporting teens and young adults with experience in foster care, we know there is still more to be done to support older foster youth.

Older foster youth – especially those who age out of the system without a permanent placement – are often forgotten. When people think about individuals in foster care, they often picture young children. The reality is that one in four individuals in foster care are above the age of 14 and are likely to turn 18 in foster care.

Those who turn 18 in foster care experience challenges that can set them back for years to come, including 20 percent of former foster youth will experience homelessness within four years of leaving foster care; Unemployment and unstable employment at more than five times the rate of others; 80 percent of individuals in foster care experience mental health challenges (compared to 18 percent to 22 percent of the general population); 21.5 percent of individuals in foster care suffer from PTSD (compared to 4.5 percent of the general population and a rate equal to veterans).

Foster Success works every day to change the outcome for Indiana's teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care.

So what can you do to give those aging out of the foster care system a better chance at leading a healthy, successful life?

Advocate for an increase in permanent federal funding for older foster youth services. Funding for many programs has not increased since 1999, when it was established, or 2008 when the Fostering Transitions Act was instituted.

Encourage those who turn 18 in foster care to stay engaged in extended foster care and/or connect with other support services and organizations like Foster Success.

Invest in our young people. By supporting organizations like Foster Success, you are investing and changing the future of young adults in your community.

Dr. Maggie Stevens is the president and CEO of Foster Success, an Indiana-based nonprofit that provides financial, educational and social support to foster care youth at a most critical time – when they are about to or have already transitioned out of the foster care system, most often with no family or economic support. For more information, visit www.fostersuccess.org.

Maggie Stevens



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part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Number Eight (8), Township 28 North, Range 8 East, Wabash County, Indiana, being contained entirely within the boundaries of a tract of land now (or formerly) owned by Eugene A Cartwright and Mary Lou Cartwright as recorded on Page 286 of Deed Record 236 in the Records of the Office of the Wabash County, Indiana Recorder, and being more particularly described as follows:

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is encouraged to visit different fishing sites around Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes within the dates above. After cleaning up a fishing site, participants should take a selfie photo showing them holding their “haul” of trash from that site. Participants may then attend the Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4. A photo of collected trash and including the participant from each site will give participants equal entries into the drawing. This drawing will take place during the Fishing Derby awards at 11 a.m. Advance registration is requested by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake>, <https://on.IN.gov/mississinewalake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Roann Historic Homes Tour is now on sale

Visit Wabash County officials announced the release of a new trolley tour highlighting several historic homes in Roann. The Roann Historic Homes Trolley Tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 4. The tour includes coffee from Modoc’s Market, wine from Heagy Winery located in Roann and charcuterie spread by Bailey’s Pizza Parlor. The tour is limited to 34 people. The cost per ticket is \$30 and may be purchased by visiting visitwabashcounty.com or in person at 221 S. Miami St. For more information, visit visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours.

Salamonie and Mississinewa to hold free Youth Fishing Derbies and Family Activities

Children ages 2 to 14 and their adults are invited to Free Youth Fishing Derbies and Family Activities on Saturday, June 4 at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes. Saturday, June 4 is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents. Youth age categories are ages 2 to 5; ages

6 to 10; and ages 11 to 14, with first-, second- and third-prize winners for largest fish in each age category. The largest fish overall will be awarded a grand prize. Each participant must use bait provided by DNR staff. Each property will host its derby, with winners announced at each property. Participants for Salamonie Lake will meet at the Wildlife Pond located in Lost Bridge West State Recreational Area (SRA). Mississinewa Lake participants will meet at Bostwick Pond located in Miami SRA. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Rules and regulations will be announced at that time. Youth fishing time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. From 9 to 11 a.m., Fishing Activity Stations will be available. Awards will follow. Children and their adults must be present to win awards. Fishing Activity Stations: Informational stations around the pond will focus on water, fishing, gear and tackle and becoming stewards of the environment. Participants should have their cards punched at each station. Once the card is punched, enter for drawing. This drawing will take place and the prize will be awarded during the Fishing Derby awards at 11 a.m. Advance registration is requested by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake>, <https://on.IN.gov/mississinewalake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Honeywell Center Themed Art Competition calls for entries June 6

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will accept entries for the annual Themed Art Competition from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 6 at the Honeywell Center. The competition is open to amateur and professional artists and features the theme “Upside Down.” Select entries will be on display from Thursday, June 9 through Monday, July 11 in the Clark Gallery located inside the Honeywell Center This annual competition features a different theme each year. Any medium can

be entered as long as the artwork depicts the theme. Entries can include paintings, photos, sculptures, textiles, etc. Guidelines are available at www.honeywellarts.org.

Free Geri-Fit Program for Adults at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Free Geri-Fit Program for Adults in conjunction with Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services to be held at the YMCA. This 12-week Geri-Fit Program invites older adults to participate in a 45-minute evidence-based strength training exercise class twice a week. This program is free to the public. Non-members can register for this program which will be from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday, June 7 through Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S Cass St. Limited seating is available, and registration ends Tuesday, June 7. If you have any questions or would like to register, email jbrown@wabashcountyymca.org or call 260-563-9622. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountyymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Y, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountyymca.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and at noon Wednesday, June 8 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC WACCY Golf Outing tees off Wednesday, June 8

Grow Wabash County (GWC) has announced that registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s annual WACCY Golf Outing scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller’s Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year’s outing will offer an afternoon, 1 p.m. start, flight. There will be a limit of 21 teams, given to teams on a first-come, first-serve basis. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of these categories: Longest Drive for both Men and Women; Longest Putt; Closest to the Pin; and prizes for first, second, third and last-place teams. Heartland REMC will once again be sponsoring the Hole-In-One contest, which will include opportunities to win cash prizes for landing holes in one. There are also many sponsorship opportunities for businesses to register for to get in on the fun, including becoming a Hole Sponsor (\$125) which allows the sponsor to set up a hole on the course with their booth or activity to promote their business and connect with the golfers that come through. To register for the 2022 WACCY Golf Outing or to find out more about the various sponsorship opportunities for this event, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2022 or contact Grow Wabash County by email at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon 5k Training Run planned

If you’re interested in participating in the Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon, your chance to familiarize yourself with the 5k foot course will be Saturday, June 11 at Mississinewa Lake, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru. Those participating in the Training Run will pre-run the foot portion of the Triathlon as a group

with DNR staff Alyssa Nierderman-Linder. Meet at the beach house at 9 a.m., on both days, located in Miami State Recreational Area. All experience levels are welcome. The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit <https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54> or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold June meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Braves Breakfast and Grill Restaurant, 380 Manchester Ave. This is our Awards Day Luncheon for the end of the year. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Crossroads Bank announces free community shred day on June 11 in Wabash

Crossroads Bank will hold its annual free shred day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 11 at 1205 N. Cass St. Consumers and small businesses can securely destroy sensitive paper documents quickly, efficiently and free of charge. All documents will be shredded on-site. Any documents that display account numbers or social security numbers could lead to identity theft and should be properly shredded. It is recommended to shred the following items: financial statements, credit applications, insurance records, physician statements, checks, employment applications and credit card receipts and solicitations. For more information,

visit www.crossroadsbanking.com.

Huntington University men’s basketball camps planned

Huntington University will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp and Steve Alford Basketball Camp this summer. The Huntington University men’s basketball program will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13 to 16, with lunch included for \$150; and the Steve Alford Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 to 23, with lunch included for \$200. To register, visit <https://www.huathletics.com/camps>. For more information, email rstrohm@huntington.edu or call 260-359-4313.

Grow Wabash County to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Summit Pain Management

Grow Wabash County will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially welcome Dr. Jared Coffman and the Summit Pain Management team to the Wabash County business community. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at noon Monday, June 20, at 1025 Manchester Ave. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Shoe Sensation celebrates ‘perfect fit’ with a grand opening in Wabash

Grow Wabash County invites the community to join us in celebrating the grand opening, of Shoe Sensation, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday, June 24, at their storefront at 1443 N. Cass St., #1400. To celebrate their grand opening in Wabash, Shoe Sensation customers that shop there during their opening weekend will be able to enter to win free shoes for an entire year or free shoes for their entire family. Also, on Saturday, June 25, the first 100 customers will receive a mystery card with a discount offer ranging from \$5 to \$100 off of their purchase.

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We are excited to announce Beltone’s Annual Hearing Health Clinic for members of our community who have questions about their hearing. Our event will offer the following services to you or a loved one at no cost or obligation:

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Robert Lundquist, of Lundquist Appraisals & Real Estate, receives 2021 Distinguished Service Award at 2022 RACI Annual Awards Celebration on Thursday, May 19 in Kokomo. Front row, left to right: Tricia Bailey, Jody Lundquist, Robert Lundquist, and John Lundquist. Back row left to right: Lesley Vigar, Kristi Lundquist and Tisha Strickler.

Realtors Association of Central Indiana announces honorees at the annual ceremony

Robert Lundquist, of Wabash, wins the 2021 Distinguished Service Award

STAFF REPORT

At this year’s Realtors Association of Central Indiana (RACI) annual awards ceremony, several members were recognized for their contributions to the association and their communities, according to a press release. RACI serves Cass, Grant, Howard, Miami, Tipton, and Wabash counties and offers professional development resources for the central Indiana real estate community. Lundquist Appraisals & Real Estate appraiser, broker and owner Robert Lundquist, of Wabash, is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Lundquist has been a licensed real estate broker and Realtor member since 1981 and a certified general appraiser since 1993. “Bob has faithfully supported the Association by serving on nearly every committee and board position over the years” including the Wabash County Association of Realtors, Central Indiana Regional MLS, the Real-

tors Association of Central Indiana and the Indiana Association of Realtors. Currently, Lundquist serves on the RACI Economic Development and Political Affairs Committee and the RPAC Trustees. “This person is a shining example of a Realtor who is truly distinguished,” stated 2020 recipient Penny Irwin, presenting the award. “Bob’s unwavering service over the years to our Association epitomizes that statement,” stated the release. Jennifer Richey, at The Wyman Group in Tipton, has been named the Realtors Association of Central Indiana 2022 Realtor of the Year. The Realtor of the Year award annually recognizes the best in Realtor spirit, business accomplishments, commitment, involvement in the Realtor Association, as well as participation in civic and community affairs. Since becoming a Realtor member 2015, Jennifer has been a Director and served as 2021 President. In 2020 Jennifer was accepted into the Indiana Association of Realtors Leadership Academy and the idea for RACI LEAD was born. “Developing the RACI LEAD program came from the core of who I am. I take

pride in my work ethic and leadership. I’m truly honored to be recognized for my efforts among my peers,” said Richey. Via Credit Union’s service area overlaps five of RACI’s six Indiana counties: Grant, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash. In 2019, Via stepped up to bring a forum addressing septic concerns in Grant County to the membership. “COVID derailed the initial event but in 2021 Via pulled off a very successful educational luncheon forum attended by members from all RACI counties. Their steadfast support of the Realtor members and Association ranges from engaging with our committees to helping to bring activities, events, and education to the membership,” stated the release. “Via Credit Union is honored to be named Honor Affiliate of the Year 2021. As a community-driven organization, it has been a natural fit to support RACI and its efforts to improve our communities. Our team strives to be a community partner that our area agents can rely on for support that is meaningful to the industry and to be as helpful as we can be in their success,” said Susan Waggoner, of Via Credit Union.

Huntington University to host six summer academies

STAFF REPORT

This summer, Huntington University will host six academies geared toward high school students. Interested students are invited to attend these week-long experiences designed to help them see a glimpse of what life would be like working in a particular field of study, according to director of communications Lynette Fager. Attendees will participate in hands-on projects and activities while learning about a topic or idea that interests them. Each day, attendees will learn alongside their peers and Huntington University faculty. Special guests who are experts in their respective fields will also lead workshops and sessions throughout the week. The six academies offered include: ■ Veritas Theology Institute from June 11 to 18: Huntington University’s Veritas Theology Institute is a week-long academy for high school students who are interested in deeper theological study or who may be interested in pursuing a career in ministry. Students spend each morning studying and reflecting on the writings of distinguished theologians in both classroom and small group settings. They spend their afternoons in experiential learning at a variety of ministry sites. These experiences, plus developing close relationships with other like-minded students, help build a strong theolog-

ical foundation that will be invaluable as these students pursue their calling. ■ Film & TV Production from June 19 to 14: Film and TV Production Academy attendees will script, film, and edit a short narrative film, attend workshops on a Netflix-approved RED camera system and Panasonic EVA-1, participate in digital lighting workshops, edit using the Adobe Creative Suite in a 5K resolution Mac lab, produce a non-fiction news/documentary piece, and compile their work into a final show in HU’s live television studio. ■ Animation from June 19 to 24: Animation Academy attendees will dive deep into concept art illustration using Photoshop, 3D computer graphics with Maya, Motion graphics animation using After Effects, 2D animation with Toon Boom Harmony, and 3D digital sculpting with ZBrush. ■ Performance from June 19 to 24: Performance Academy attendees will focus on all things voice-over and radio by exploring voice acting skills and techniques, creating their own voice-over demos, performing live on-air for WQHU 105.5FM, HU’s FM radio station, and learning about the business of voice-over performance and potential career paths in the field. ■ Nursing from June 20 to 24: Aspiring nurses won’t want to miss HU’s Nursing Academy. This five-day up-close look at nursing will

give students experience with the equipment, techniques and heart of the nursing profession. They will learn from and work closely with Huntington University Department of Nursing faculty and immediately apply what they have learned in the lab and in the field. Also, students can earn college credit! Credit is not transferable to other institutions but will provide a head start on a Huntington University education. ■ Agbioscience from June 20 to 24: Agbioscience Academy is focused on all the elements of agriculture, including agronomy, precision agriculture, animal science, plant biology, technology and agricultural business. In addition to the classroom experience, students will participate in hands-on projects involving Huntington University’s learning labs that house livestock and crops. Each day, students will learn alongside their peers and Huntington University faculty and students. Special guests who are experts in their respective fields will lead workshops and sessions throughout the week. There are off-campus excursions as well to area ag-related industries and even a morning session at a local ropes challenge course. For more information, visit huntington.edu/summer2022. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

‘No joke’: Initial rounds of National Spelling Bee get tough

By BEN NUCKOLS
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — One speller ran off the stage in the middle of her time at the microphone, saying she needed to pee. Another tried to walk back to her seat after spelling her first word correctly, only to be reminded she had a vocabulary word next. During one particularly brutal stretch, 10 consecutive spellers heard the bell that signals elimination. The Scripps National Spelling Bee used to begin with a handshake. Now it starts with a slap to the face. Leaner and meaner in its post-pandemic iteration, the bee returned to its usual venue on Tuesday for the first time in three years, and spellers were greeted with a new preliminary-round format that gave them no time to get comfortable. “The prelims is no joke. Every stage of the bee is so important,” said Dhroov Bharatia, a 13-year-old from Plano, Texas, who finished fourth last year. In years past, the early onstage spelling rounds did little beyond weeding out the weakest or most nervous spellers. The real action was a written test that determined who would make the cut for the semifinals. But during last year’s mostly virtual bee, the bee’s new executive director eliminated the test, and that structure continued as 229 spellers took the stage for this year’s fully-in-person competition. Well over half the spellers who competed by midafternoon Tuesday were eliminated. Spellers had to get through three words in one turn at the microphone to advance to Wednesday’s quarterfi-

nals. First, they were given a word from a provided list of 4,000 – more than twice as many as in years past. Then, they had to answer a multiple-choice vocabulary question about a word on the same list. Finally, they had to spell a word that could be found anywhere in Webster’s Unabridged dictionary. Annie-Lois Acheamong, one of three spellers from Ghana, didn’t get that far. She labored successfully through her first word, “coulrophobia” – fear of clowns – and then was asked to define “edamame.” She smiled initially, but when she crossed her legs and couldn’t stand still, it was clear something else was going on. “I think I’m going to pee myself,” the 13-year-old eighth grader said. “Can I go pee? I’m very sorry.” She scurried off the stage

before she got an answer from the stunned judges, who paused the competition and conferred about how to handle the situation. “That was a first,” head judge Mary Brooks, who’s been involved with the bee for 50 years, said later. The judges ultimately decided to let Annie-Lois return to the microphone after the day’s last scheduled speller. Although she could have been eliminated for exceeding the 30-second time limit for the vocabulary question, Brooks said the speller’s clock was paused because she was experiencing a legitimate emergency. There is precedent for pausing the clock during what Brooks called “extenuating circumstances,” notably in 2004 when Akshay Buddiga fainted on stage but recovered to finish in second place.

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